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1. During the past three or four months, there has been an influx of Russian-speaking refugees into Tientsin. The refugees, evidently of Russian origin, include some women who have been seen begging on the streets, usually accompanied by half-caste children or carrying infants in arms.
 2. When the refugees first began to arrive in Tientsin, Mrs. Ostrowski attempted to have the International Women's Club collect clothing for them, but without success. [REDACTED] Mrs. Ostrowski is probably Mrs. I. P. Ostrovskaya, active member of the women's section of the Soviet Citizens' Association.) Russian women never fail to give these beggars some money when they see them on the street.
 3. Mrs. Ostrowski described the women as "Russian women married to Chinese" who "had to leave Russia", and who came "from Sinkiang to Tientsin" although they "wanted to go back to Harbin and Changchun but can't because those places are in Communist hands".

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